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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : May I know whether this fixation is to continue after separation and if so for how long?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No final decision has been taken in the matter. Our own view is that there are sufficient facilities available in Trivandrum; but that is a matter for discussion and ultimately we have to arrive at an agreement.

Grants for Local Development works in Malabar

* 244 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have instructed the Collector of Malabar not to give any grants under the head ' Local Development Works ' after 1st April 1956; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that there is no sanction from the Planning Commission for subsidizing Local Development Works since 1st April 1956?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am not aware of that. What I am aware is that Rs. 12 lakhs has been allotted in the current year under Local Development Works for Malabar district.

Separate fund for agricultural credit

* 245 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether this Government propose to establish a separate fund for agricultural credit; and

(*b*) if so, the nature of the fund and the method by which it will be administered?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Transfer of the management of Koodaly High School in Malabar

* 246 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation, dated 29th October 1955, from the management of the Koodaly High

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School in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar district, requesting them to accord sanction to transfer the management of the High School to a registered Committee; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Temporary closure of Malabar Tiles Factory, Feroke

* 247 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the conciliation measures taken by the Government in the dispute between the Management of the Malabar Tiles Factory, Feroke, and the Feroke Tile Workers Union on the temporary closure of the factory since 6th June 1956; and

(*b*) the number of workers unemployed on account of this closure?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The Labour Officer, Kozhikode, enquired into the alleged lockout on 1st August 1956 and visited the factory on 7th August 1956. He submitted a report that there was no lockout as alleged by the union and that the lay off was for *bona fide* reasons. The Labour Officer and the Commissioner of Labour recommended that there was no case for adjudication. The Government accepted their recommendation.

Subsequently the Commissioner of Labour held discussions with the Managing Partner of the Malabar Tile Works and the hon. Member on 23rd August 1956. The Managing Partner has agreed to absorb all the workers within a period of three weeks from 24th August 1956 if the weather continued to be good.

(*b*) About 300 workers.

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Deputation of teachers

* 248 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any deputation of teachers working in the schools managed by the Malabar Education Society met him on 1st August 1956 or about that date; and

(*b*) if so, the main points represented to him and the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The main points represented by the deputation related to the payment of salaries to the teachers and about safeguarding their service conditions. These points are under consideration.